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In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0005] beginning at page 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In at least one embodiment, the pallet may be formed from a top support member formed from three cross supports coupled to ~~a~~ at least one plate. Nine or more support blocks may be formed into at least three rows beneath the top support member and positioned generally parallel to each other forming at least two cavities to receive one or more lifting members. A bottom support member may be coupled to a bottom surface of the support blocks to provide a stable surface upon which the pallet rests.

Please replace paragraph [0021] beginning at page 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures 1-10 illustrate a pallet 10, and related components thereof, configured to support cargo on ~~one or more~~ a top support members 12. The top support member 12 is supported above a surface 14 using two or more support blocks 16 positioned to allow lifting members 18 to be placed under the top support member 12 to lift the pallet 10 and the cargo supported by the pallet 10. The top support member 12 may have any suitable shape. In at least one embodiment, as shown in Figure 1, the top support member 12 may be composed of a generally flat top surface 20 and a bottom surface 22. In other embodiments, top support member 12 may have top surfaces 20 that are not flat. In some

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embodiments, the top surface 20 may include one or more coatings or other textured materials to prevent cargo from slipping or moving on the top surface 20. In at least one embodiment, as shown in Figure 1, the top support member 12 may be formed from three cross supports 24 positioned generally parallel to each other and a at least one plate 26 coupled to a top surface 20 of the three cross supports 24 forming the top surface 20.